

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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### **--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 10/227,838 filed August 27, 2002 entitled Excavation Apparatus, and contains disclosure from and claims the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No. 60/316,590 filed August 31, 2001, entitled Improved Excavation Apparatus.--.